AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).

2. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer is disposed between the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate and the magnetic layer.

3. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer is disposed on the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate on a side opposite to the magnetic layer.

4. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer is disposed on an edge of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate.

5. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the conductive layer contains a conductive metal oxide.

6. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 5, wherein the conductive metal oxide is selected from ZnO Al_2O_3, In_2O_3, SiO_2, MgO, BaO, MoO_3, V_2O_5 and complex oxides thereof.

7. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 5, wherein the conductive metal oxide has a volume resistivity of not more than 10^7 Ωcm.

8. (canceled).

9. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 8, wherein the carbon black has an SBET of 50 to 500 m^2/g.

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the magnetic recording medium has a surface electric resistance of not more than 10^{10} Ω/sq.

14. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16 further comprising another magnetic layer, a nonmagnetic layer, or a back layer on a side opposite to the magnetic layer.

15. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16 further comprising a protection film on the magnetic layer.

16. (previously presented): A magnetic recording medium comprising a magnetic layer on at least one side of an inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the magnetic layer containing magnetic particles of a CuAu-type or Cu_3Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase method, wherein a conductive layer containing polyvinylbenzene sulfonate, polyvinyl benzyl trimethyl ammonium chloride, or a quaternary salt polymer is provided on at least one side of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the conductive layer having a thickness of 10 to 400 nm.

17. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the thickness of the conductive layer is 20 to 400 nm.

18. (currently amended): A magnetic recording medium comprising a magnetic layer on at least one side of an inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the magnetic layer containing magnetic particles of a CuAu-type or Cu_3Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase

method, wherein a conductive layer containing a conductive metal oxide ~~or carbon black~~ is provided on at least one side of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the conductive layer having a thickness of 10 to 400 nm.

19. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the conductive layer is disposed on an edge of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate.

20. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the CuAu-type or Cu_3Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase method is selected from FeNi, FePd, FePt, CoPt, CoAu, Ni_3Fe, $FePd_3$, Fe_3Pt, $FePt_3$, $CoPt_3$, Ni_3Pt, $CrPt_3$ and Ni_3Mn.

21. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the CuAu-type or Cu_3Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase method is selected from FeNi, FePd, FePt, CoPt, CoAu, Ni_3Fe, $FePd_3$, Fe_3Pt, $FePt_3$, $CoPt_3$, Ni_3Pt, $CrPt_3$ and Ni_3Mn.

22. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 6, wherein the CuAu-type or Cu_3Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase method is selected from FeNi, FePd, FePt, CoPt, CoAu, Ni_3Fe, $FePd_3$, Fe_3Pt, $FePt_3$, $CoPt_3$, Ni_3Pt, $CrPt_3$ and Ni_3Mn.